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Consumer Digest

By Margaret Anderson

Clerks in a large nation-wide chain of retail stores recently received a list of suggestions which were intended to increase the sale of merchandise. The brochure represented the customer's viewpoint:

"Don't sell me clothing—sell me appearance, style and attractiveness.

"Don't sell me shoes—sell me foot comfort and the pleasure of walking.

"Don't sell me furniture—sell me a home that has comfort, cleanliness and contentment.

"Don't sell me candy—sell me the pleasure of taste.

"Don't sell me tools—sell me the pleasure and profit of making fine things.

"Don't sell me paint—sell me good-looking, well-protected buildings.

"Don't sell me things—sell me respect, home life and happiness."

These words have challenged me as a missionary for Christ. In persuading others to accept His way we must also cope with the consumer's viewpoint. Do you hear the plea?

"Don't sell me memories—sell me truth.

"Don't sell me a code of morals—sell me salvation that blots out past sin and offers a happier life through God's love and mercy.

"Don't sell me ideology—sell me the proof of Christianity in the lives of those who confess to know Him."

—The Lutheran

News and Notes

Kennard and Orum, Nebr., Rev. Ried Neve, pastor. The close of 1952 marked two important days for our churches in Kennard and Orum, Nebraska. On the first Sunday of Advent, a total of forty-one people were received into membership in Immanuel congregation of Orum. This included 19 adults and 22 children. Four of these were by adult confirmation and the rest were received by transfer. On the following Sunday, December 7, twelve new members were received into our Kennard congregation. These included 10 adults and 2 children. Of these received, there was one infant baptism, two adult baptisms, and three adults confirmed. We are happy for these new members and also for the fact that there is good prospect of bringing in more in the months ahead. Special Sunday evening receptions to welcome our new members were held during the month of January.

Clinton, Wis. The Rev. Frank Nielsen was installed as pastor of the Pella Lutheran church at a special installation service at 3 p.m. Sunday in the church. The Rev. Cornelius Hansen, Racine, district president, preached the installation service.

Other pastors attending were the Rev. E. R. Anderson, the Rev. Leo Anderson, the Rev. S. D. Petersen, Racine, and the Rev. Berg, Beloit, and the Rev. Robert Hiede, South Beloit.

Rev. Hiede, Rev. Berg, and the Rev. E. R. Anderson have had charge of services at the church since the Rev. C. C. Kloth resigned to become pastor of a church at Laurens, N. Y.

A noon dinner preceding the installation service was served to 50 persons and supper was served to 80 by the ladies of the church.

Harlan, Iowa. At their annual business meeting in December, our Ladies' Aid chose Mrs. George Clausen for their new president, and Mrs. Etta Jensen as treasurer. Vice-president, Mrs. E. Norgaard and Secretary Mrs. A. Greve were reelected.

Because we had no services on Christmas Day, the S. School put forth extra effort on their program which was given the Sunday evening before Christmas. Pastor A. Hansen of Elk Horn spoke to us briefly.

Early in January the Dorcas Club held their annual business meeting and chose these officers: Mrs. Margaret Mushrush, Pres., Dagmar Thomsen, Vice-president; and Mrs. Oda Martens, Sec'y-Treas. The Dorcas Club and the S. S. Teachers have given our church a pair of golden 7-branch candelabra which are placed on the altar.

We were indeed happy to welcome our new pastor, Lyle Paulsen, and his family who came to Harlan from Washington Island, Wisc. On Sunday evening, January 11, Pastor Paulsen was installed by Pastor I. Petersen of Jacksonville, Ia., District President. Following the service a coffee fellowship and pantry shower were held in the church parlors.

The annual meeting of the congregation was held January 19. Two new officers, Vice-president Leonard Wohltutter and Trustee Elmer Larsen were chosen. Other officers were re-elected or their terms had not expired. The financial report showed that our building fund debt had been paid. A 3 year program of remodeling included redecorating the church and parsonage, and placing an oil burner furnace in the parsonage.

Irresponsible attacks on U. S. public schools, carried out in an atmosphere of "fear and hysteria" were denounced today by Miss Esther Stamats, an official in the National Council of Churches' Department of United Church Women.

Miss Stamats, director of Christian Social Relations for the women's organization, spoke at a session of a two-day meeting of presidents of state councils of church women. Women from 46 states attended the conference on current affairs, held at the Grosvenor Hotel.

Declaring that the present attacks on public schools "strike at the heart of freedom and democracy," Miss Stamats said she would "welcome honest and constructive criticism, discussed democratically and thoughtfully."

She said the object of her report was to "alert Christian women and other citizens" to this "present threat to freedom."

Miss Stamats also outlined to the state council presidents a project on

juvenile delinquency which will be carried out by many church women's groups during the coming year. The program includes a careful study of facilities for dealing with juvenile delinquents in local communities, including police procedure, court system and operation of detention homes and rehabilitation services. Church women's groups also will study community cooperation both in preventing juvenile delinquency and in dealing intelligently with juvenile delinquents after the youthful offenders have broken the law.

Pastor James C. Peterson, Salt Lake City, Utah, reports that a total of 100 baptized members were received in the congregation during 1952. The last year was only 25 members.

Washington Island, Wis., Pastor Krogh, writes to us: On Sunday, Jan. 4 a class of 8 was confirmed in the Trinity Lutheran Church by Pastor Lyle Paulsen at the morning service. In the evening communion service was held. On Tuesday the pastor and family left for Harlan, Ia. On Thursday, Jan. 8 we left Luck by car for Washington Island to take charge of the work till a new pastor can be expected in June. Since only one ferry is running in the wintertime, we could not make the trip in one day. We stopped over in Sturgeon Bay. It is unusual that there is open water to the Island this time of the year, but there was ice at all and it was a beautiful warm and sunny day. A small group of church members were at the ferry to meet us and take us to the parsonage where a delicious turkey dinner was prepared for us. The members have been very busy the two days before collecting furniture for the parsonage so we did not come to an empty house but it was completely furnished with everything needed. The pantry is well stocked, too, with good food. We are happy to be here among those good people. Our first answer to the question was 'no', but following letters, offers and promises, made us reconsider and we do not regret it.

News From Our Detroit Mission
Detroit, Mich. Pastor and Mrs. M. Hagedorn ministered faithfully
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Editorials and Comments

"You are Sure Established"

There is a story that deserves reading. It is like the old deacon who used to attend every communion meeting. He would get up and stammer and wander around and finally say, "Well, brethren, I ain't making much progress but I sure is established." His notoriety became known by all and each of the community. One winter day the deacon was on the way to church and the roads were muddy and ugly. Suddenly his horse went down and the deacon was stuck. All his pleading and pleading to the team was to no avail. There he sat. Pretty soon along came some fellow farmers. As they looked over the situation one could not help remark, "Well, deacon, I see you aren't making much progress but you surely are established."

This deacon is a good example of the smug and self-satisfied attitude of many Christians, pastors included. We all fall victim to this spirit. Unless we constantly submit to the searchlight of the Holy Spirit to show us our weaknesses, we shall not make any progress. We learn from the American Lutheran:

Lutheranism in America and Lutheran Union
The American Lutheran, an independent Missouri Lutheran monthly publication, had a recent editorial on the Prospect for Lutheranism. The editorial discussed the world and the United States and their relation to the Lutheran Church.

The United States

Being a Christian witness to our own United States itself represents a formidable task.

Present conditions in the United States appear conducive to the rapid spread of the Gospel by an aggressive church. It occupies a more prominent place in our newspapers, and on radio and television, than at any previous time during the twentieth century. Government is generally favorable to the development of religious institu-

tion. This could change, almost overnight. The frightening prospect of what happened to Christian churches behind the Iron Curtain and in Red China is constantly before us. It could happen here.

Our open door in the United States is the common strength of the Christian churches in the United States lies in the large numbers of ordinary people who count themselves as members. The man on the street may not be exactly receptive—all too often, he is actively opposed—to the Gospel. But he has been willing to live and let live, up to this moment. All of this could change rapidly with a change in the intellectual, social and political climate.

The intellectual classes, for example, should achieve a preeminence in American life which they do not now have. The work of the churches would immediately be-

come more difficult. A recent publication of Simon and Schuster, *THIS I BELIEVE*, illustrates what we mean. A group of representative Americans was asked to contribute to this symposium on personal religious belief. Most of them, apparently, have no personal belief in God. Some of them, like President Harold Taylor of Sarah Lawrence College, owned up to an outright belief in people, and beyond that in nothing else. Said Mr. Taylor: "I believe in people, in sheer unadulterated humanity . . . The most important thing in life is the way it is lived and there is no such thing as an abstract happiness, an abstract goodness or morality . . . I believe we must, each of us, make a philosophy out of believing in nothing."

American Lutheranism

American Lutheranism is showing a greater willingness than ever to witness to the truth of God in the kind of environment which surrounds it. Americans know more about Lutheranism today than they did even twenty-five years ago. The Lutheranism they are coming to know is distinguished more for its devotion to the Gospel of Christ than it is for a passion to attain social, political, or economic ends.

New Lutheran congregations dot the countryside, particularly in the growing suburbs around America's great cities. Congregations long in existence are taking on new life as they discover a new mission in areas resettled by people who were not born into Lutheran families.

The Missouri Synod has taken the lead in the use of mass media communication to bring this kind of Lutheranism to America's masses. The Lutheran Hour, still going strong on radio, and the new television program, *THIS IS THE LIFE*, are evidences of Missouri Synod initiative and willingness to pioneer in a manner befitting typical American enterprise.

Lutheran educators are more active, perhaps, than those of any American Protestant denomination in shoring up the foundations for active Christian faith and life in their membership. Lutherans are becoming known for the firm intellectual basis their young people receive for active participation in the life of the church.

Evangelism and stewardship are taking on new meaning with the new programs developed by several American Lutheran bodies for education in these areas truly motivated by the Gospel.

Lutheran Union

The division of American Lutheranism is not a contribution to its Christian witness. The fact that various Lutheran bodies exist is not necessarily a hindrance to good Lutheran witness. The fact that some people, to be found in almost all bodies, constantly emphasize these divisions to the non-Lutheran public by a hammer and

Prayer in Our Congregation

By N. B. Hansen, President of Minnesota District

The congregations within our synod have, in many ways, recently progressed. The physical plants have greatly improved, for we have many beautiful, modern churches today. There has been much improvement in our Sunday School equipment—text books, papers, class rooms, visual aids, and Sunday School staff. Our people are to be complimented on these promotions.

It may be easier to promote the advancement of material things than to promote the spiritual aspect of our church. We are more willing to make sacrifices for these things than for the spiritual advancement and improvement of our church. I am especially thinking of the matter of PRAYER. Perhaps it is not true of all congregations—but there seems to be less participation in prayer than there was some years ago. This could be true of many congregations, of many homes, and of many individuals among us.

We pray in our churches and most of our meetings. If the pastor is present he usually does the praying. On the other hand, if he is absent, someone may be asked to pray or read a prayer. We have not eliminated the formal part of prayer in the church and the deeper aspects of prayer have largely been forgotten. The use of prayer as a power within the church for the advancement of God's cause has fallen behind our advancement in the material things.

The use of prayer to support the pastor in his public and private ministry is not too common. He needs more than the financial and material aid of the congregation. His task is often precarious. His wisdom, talents, and judgment may not suffice. He needs a congregation that earnestly and faithfully supports him in prayer.

The other church officers are elected, paid, and liberally criticized in their efforts. If they fail, they are relieved at the next election. Few support them by praying for them. We are beginning to make use of our lay

people in many ways, that was not practiced in the past. We rejoice when we see lay members taking an active part in the church work. We should diligently pray for them in the same proportion. Is that being done? Are we happy to see men and women, well-trained and equipped, take over leadership in our churches with praying for them?

We have many weak members in our churches. These are those that fall into the temptations of the lust of the flesh, worldliness, and lukewarmness. We regret to see them lose interest in the church and in their Lord. We talk about them when we are about to drop them from church membership, but do we pray for them? Have we been on our knees and asked God to be merciful to them and bring them back into the fold?

The Word of God is taught and preached liberally in our churches. We do not expect too much from this ministry nor do we see many results. I suppose we must admit that if we receive as much as we ask, we have reason to be disappointed. God has been true to his promise. He has, perhaps, given us more than we are entitled to.

We have not "prayed without ceasing." We have received so little, because we have prayed so little. We have so little love, faith, patience, and joy, because we have not asked.

If there is anything I could wish for our beloved synod in 1953, it would be more prayer among us. You may read these lines—join with others in spending more time in prayer. Begin in your homes and extend it to the church. Pray for yourself, your loved ones, for the church, for your pastor and for the workers in the church. Pray daily — pray for your government, those in high places. Then may it be said of our church—"BEHOLD, HE PRAYETH". Acts 9:11.

Letters to the Editor

(We invite our readers to write to us about problems of the church. The letters should be rather brief. The views expressed may or may not reflect those of the editor)

Dear Editor:

I have long been thinking of writing to you. Here is a letter I hope may appear in The Ansgar Lutheran. I refer to your editorial Dec. 8, 1952, "Are We Too Monotonous?"

I believe the editor was on the right track when he wrote this editorial. It seems to me our church would be much more alive if we broke out of our shell. We lay people go to church Sunday after Sunday, but how many times do we ever express ourselves about the sermon, or what we got out of it. Have we not become too satisfied with ourselves?

Can this also be applied to our pastors? I think we very much like to see our pastors break out of their shell and really preach from the bottom of their hearts.

A pastor delivering his last sermon in a congregation delivered his best sermon. When comment was made on the fact he said that when you preach for a living, you have to be careful. Should a pastor not have faith in God and pray no matter what happened?

As to the news items in The Ansgar Lutheran I also think they are very much the same. So many members receive and another and better church built. How about hearing something about people giving their souls to God?

Let us as lay people pray for our pastors as well as for our neighbors and ourselves. Let us give heed to Luke 6, that our lights may shine. C.C. —Montana

CHURCH NEWS FROM HERE AND THERE

Dutch get along

Out a billion dollars of U.S. money to help the Netherlands in the ten years. The little country had stripped of much of its property by the Germans as they retreated in the closing months of World War II. Dutch cities, especially Rotterdam, had been badly shattered in war-bombings. Most severe shock came after the war when Indonesia declared its independence of the Netherlands and cut off the Dutch from much of its trade profits.

The Dutch knuckled down to living and hard work. No country more strictly rationed its people on the common necessities of life. They endured the hardships without complaint.

This month the results were clear. The Netherlands money is now so "hard" that no more aid from the United States is needed. The Dutch are earning sufficient U. S. dollars to buy in America.

Sea in Galilee

A few miles from Nazareth a new sea is forming which will be about the size of the Sea of Galilee. It is accumulating from the winter rains gathering behind the Beit Nattam, and will eventually cover 20 miles. This is part of a long-term plan to store the waters of Galilee and irrigate the Negeb desert area of Beersheba.

Drought and famine which left their mark on Hebrew history 3,000 years ago may not come again to the tiny Land when water supplies of the region are linked together in an irrigation network. The plan may be fulfilled in 15 to 20 years. An American engineer, Dr. Walter Lowdermilk, is directing the project.

Catholic Bishops Make Claim

Nothing has changed in the position of the Roman Catholic hierarchy. It believes that "the state . . . has the duty to help parents fulfill their obligation of religious instruction and training. It still brands our American educational system as 'the secularized school' and charges that it seeks to monopolize education." It still la-

berls all supporters of public schools as "secularists," implies that many of them secretly favor communism, and charges that "they still throw the weight of their influence behind such totalitarian movements as an all-embracing state-controlled school system and education completely devoid of religion." The hierarchy continues to hold that "only the life of Christian faith can guarantee to man in his present state the moral life; and the Christian life is lived in its entirety only through the one true Church of Christ." These statements were issued by the Roman Catholic bishops after their 1952 annual meeting, which took place as usual in the middle of November in the nation's capital. The meaning of this language, as used by the hierarchy, should not be difficult to understand. When the bishops say that the state has the duty to help parents fulfill their task of religious instruction they mean that state should help the agent whom Catholic parents are required to select to instruct their children, i.e., the Roman Catholic Church. The "one true church" is of course, in their view, the Roman Catholic. The national policy that all children should attend school and that schools should be available at public expense for all to attend is twisted to make it appear as though nobody approved of public education but a selfish pressure bloc of secularist teachers and their totalitarian supporters, who are really out to undermine the nation. There is nothing new in this, except the fact that it has been said again. Why has it been repeated? The safest guess is that it keynotes another drive to get federal aid to parochial schools as the price of Catholic support for federal aid to public education. —Christian Century

NLC Director Sees Urgent Need For United Witness by Lutherans

Atlantic City, N. J.—The Roman Catholic Church is making a "most effective witness to our generation" that can only be matched by positive Protestant action to influence public opinion on vital issues.

That observation was made here at the 35th annual meeting of the National Lutheran Council by its executive director, the Rev. Dr. Paul C. Empie,

of New York, in stressing the need for Lutherans in America to speak with a united voice on major questions of the day.

Stating his belief that the events of the next two decades "will be decisive, determining the course of human history for generations to come," Dr. Empie warned that the Church "cannot remain indifferent to or unaffected by the social, political and religious issues of our time."

He said that Lutherans "believe in the working of the Gospel as a leaven, a process which takes place chiefly through the individual Christian on the local level."

"On the other hand," he told representatives of the eight church bodies affiliated with the National Lutheran Council, "it would be folly to ignore the power of corporate witness in our age."

Because the Lutheran Church is divided into several groups it is "very difficult," according to Dr. Empie, to make its influence felt when it has something to say on the religious principles involved in public education, immigration, human rights, the struggle against Communism, international relationships, and other issues.

While the problem would be solved by the formation of one Lutheran Church, he predicted that only limited or partial mergers will occur within the next decade or two "unless new and unexpected developments take place."

In the light of this situation, Dr. Empie suggested that if American Lutheranism is to make a corporate witness "when it is worth making, it would seem necessary to find a way to make it through the National Lutheran Council."

Steps in that direction, he indicated, are already being taken. As evidence he cited a project of the NLC's Division of Student Service in setting up full-time chairs of religion in certain state universities; a proposal for a permanent service to Lutheran immigrants, involving a suggested pattern for publicizing the Lutheran position on immigration procedures and legislation; and a request that the Council enter the field of radio and television.

He also noted "hopeful signs" that "a pattern of closer cooperation with the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod may not be too far off." (The Missouri-Synod with 1,800,000 members, is not a member of the Council, whose bodies represent 4,000,000 members.)

"Working relationships at specific points in recent years have been most cordial and satisfactory," he said. "There is every reason to anticipate that further progress in this direction will be made."

In asserting that the Roman Catholic Church is "making a most effective witness to our generation," Dr. Empie said it is doing so "upon the crest of a surge of popular interest in religious matters and in the midst of a widespread revival of the search for foundations of faith."

He said the Catholic Church's efforts involve an "extensive investment" and that it has established "a powerful influence in the fields of radio, television, motion pictures and the press."

"It is quite legitimate for them to do so," he added, "and the only Protestant countermeasure that can be effective in the long run must be a positive, not a negative, one."

Dr. Empie stressed that such activity would involve the investment of large sums of money and, beyond that, "calls for pioneering into new patterns of witness and service."

He voiced the belief that the members of the church bodies associated in the Council are "eagerly awaiting dynamic leadership in such matters, and that they will give it enthusiastic backing when once it is demonstrated."

Pertinent Facts Concerning The National Lutheran Council

The National Lutheran Council, which is holding its 35th annual meeting in Atlantic City, N. J., Feb. 3-6, 1953, was organized during World War I as a common agency to further the interests and activities of the Lutheran Churches in America. The Council represents eight church bodies with a constituency of more than four million members, or about two-thirds of American Lutheranism.

Participating in the Council are the United Lutheran Church in America (2,000,000 members); Evangelical Lutheran Church (873,000); American Lutheran Church (762,000); Augustana Lutheran Church (470,000); Lutheran Free Church (60,000); United Evangelical Lutheran Church (49,000); Finnish Evangelical Lutheran Church or

Suomi Synod (30,000); Danish Lutheran Church (20,000).

Cooperation in the Commission for Soldiers' and Sailors' Welfare during World War I convinced many church leaders that the various bodies could work together and that large responsibilities—too great for any single group—could easily be borne by a common cooperative agency. As a result, the National Lutheran Council was organized in 1918.

In its formative years, the Council's major efforts were devoted to the pressing problem of aid to needy Lutherans in Europe. From 1919 to 1925, more than \$7,000,000 was raised to provide food, clothing, shelter and spiritual care to victims of war, and to assist foreign missions cut off from their parent societies.

Again, in World War II, the Council was called upon to undertake a program of emergency activities throughout the world. Through its annual financial appeal known as Lutheran World Action, nearly \$34,000,000 has been raised among the 10,000 local congregations affiliated with the participating bodies of the Council in the 12 years since 1940.

In addition, nearly \$23,000,000 in food, clothing, medicines and other supplies have been shipped to 24 countries around the world in the past seven years by Lutheran World Relief, the material aid agency of the Council.

The entire program of LWA and LWR has been over and above the regular work of the various church bodies. It marks the greatest relief effort ever undertaken by the Lutheran Churches in America or by any group within American Protestantism.

Lack of Chaplains Critical NLC Churches are Warned

Atlantic City, N. J.—The churches cooperating in the National Lutheran Council were called upon here to provide their share of candidates for the military chaplaincy to help meet the lack of chaplains "which has been very urgent for some time but is becoming increasingly acute with each passing month."

The warning was sounded at the Council's 35th annual meeting by Col. (Ret.) Gynther Storaasli of Washington, D. C., secretary of the NLC Bureau of Service to Military Personnel.

He reported that the total strength of Lutheran chaplains in the three branches of the Armed Forces is 756, but pointed out that only 303 of these are on active duty.

The shortage of Lutheran chaplains, he explained, is becoming critical because chaplains who came on extended active duty two and three years ago at the beginning of the Korean conflict are completing their specified tour of duty and returning to their civil parishes.

"The vacancies thus left must be filled by new candidates drawn from civilian parishes," he declared.

"If these vacancies are not filled by young men and women in the Armed Forces at home and overseas will be denied the spiritual ministrations to which they are entitled to and which were promised them before they entered the service," he warned.

'Manhood Deflation' Called Today's Real Peril

Florence, S. C.—The real peril of today is "manhood deflation" and currency inflation, Dr. Clifton J. A. of Nashville, a secretary of the Baptist Sunday School Board, declared at a State Baptist Brotherhood convention here.

He said that the Christian religion puts the strongest emphasis on the virtues of true and fearless manhood.

"The major mission of the Brotherhood is to produce men of Christ character and devotion," he told the meeting, which drew about 2,000 Baptist men.

President Ira Rainwater of Florida speaking on "Business Partners with God," said that "too many businessmen are willing to take God to the front door of their businesses and Him outside because inside, planning making the dollar are too important."

He said the first step toward taking God as a business partner is knowing God, and accepting Christ as Son and Lord.

Another speaker, Dr. Ramsey Lard, Broadway Baptist church, Knoxville, Tenn., warned that "Too many people ignore God. They do not know Him; they just ignore Him."

We have taught our people that prayer too much as a means of comfort. Not in the original and true sense of uplifting, inspiring, strengthening, but in the more modern and sense of soothing sorrow, dulling and drying tears. The comfort of cushion, not the comfort of the cross. Because we have failed in prayer to bear the Cross, we have also failed to win the crown.

—G. A. Studdert-Ke

Sex on the Newstands

By Vincent Hollaren

Judge, Probate Court, Worthington, Minn.

The Minnesota State Association of Juvenile court judges at its annual conventions and in its Clinical studies at the Center of Continuation study, University of Minnesota, have been concerned and aware of the general increase in delinquency among youth.

In particular the concern is over the nature of the acts committed: The senseless murder for \$10.35; the sadistic-mayhem upon one another, the rape, the nude-non-morbid parties, the narcotic trends, and the seemingly utter disregard for law, for decent moral standards or for respect of life and property of fellow men. And the pathology of adults toward the situation.

For the purposes of this statement we shall consider these acts of delinquency which will leave a lasting blue-mark upon a youth personality. The causes of this type of delinquency seem to stem from:

(a) Peddling of narcotics to youth and uses of same by youth.

(b) Peddling of indecent literature, obscene and filthy in its nature, usually in the form of pocket books, sadistic-rape murder magazines, rot in pictures or film form, and the harmful "so-called comics," the "girlie-gag-type-cartoon" magazines with their "ads," all of which were and are available to our youth in every newstand. A type of distribution and display which was and is, not only harmful to youth, but an insult to every right-minded parent and each of these communities of our state.

Even a very brief study brought us to the conclusion first voiced by J. Edgar Hoover, to quote: "I am indeed gratified to learn of the steps being taken by the Minnesota Juvenile court judges association toward preventing the sale and distribution of obscene literature in Minnesota. I have been most vigorously opposed to such material, for I sincerely believe that its availability to our youth is one of the principal causes of juvenile delinquency."

Prior to this letter, we received copies of the talks given by J. Edgar Hoover wherein he denounced the widespread, criminal distribution of such filth just beyond the reach of the Federal laws. It resembled the rackets in prostitution carried on by the old Al Capone gangs of Chicago. Hoover cited many cases wherein the causing factor in sadistic-rape-murders were traced to the filth found in magazines and said further "they, the distributors ought to be prosecuted along with the rapist for they are as much to blame."

WHAT DID WE FIND ON THE NEWSSTANDS OF MINNESOTA, IN NEARLY EVERY COMMUNITY?

We found lessons in crime in many pocket book editions, lessons in the art of stealing cars, in way-laying a victim for robbery, in breaking and entry, in juvenile "sensuality" parties, sadistic practices upon one another, set out in minute detail. Of course, it is done in story form, but the lessons are there to be copied by any youth. We found the use of narcotics described in detail, the retelling "sex-orgies" and prostitution caused by the need for more narcotics once they became users. We found the details of abortion practices. And we found "sensuality" in endless details, books, manufactured for no other purpose, production line materials, consisting of one bedroom sex-gymnastic scene after another. The endless retelling over the details of sex acts and perversions:

We found in some types of so-called digest size mag-

azines, sex perversion methods given which would turn the stomach of even a dock-walloper.

We found ads in the girlie-gag-type of magazine, easily available to youth, stating where they could buy "sex orgie pictures," "sex information," and "methods of seduction" and like materials so advertised.

The vulgarity and the filth is so rampant, that we judges are not concerned with the pocket books "belittling religion," although we should be, but as a mixed group of laymen we are confining our efforts toward the pocket books of filth, the magazine of vulgar-half clad, "come-on" types with their thousands of "ads."

We also, like J. Edgar Hoover, object to the "true-Detective" type which makes endless display of sadistic-sex-rape-murder in all its mouthfrothing sensuality, in utmost detail, which flood our newstands under the guise of "factual reporting."

Then we have the "gory-comics," the "love-comics" the play-thing-of affairs" comics which are being sold in car-load lots from every newsstand.

THE SUM TOTAL OF THIS FILTH INFILTRATION WILL MAKE THE NEWSSTANDS, "THE YOUTH LIBRARIES OF AMERICA." IN ANOTHER TEN YEARS WE CAN SHUT DOWN OUR PUBLIC AND SCHOOL LIBRARIES IF THE RACKETEERS OF ROT CONTINUE TO TAKE OVER OUR YOUTH AT THE RATE OF PROGRESS THEY HAVE SUCCEEDED IN DURING THE PAST TEN YEARS.

Even the Navy had to put a stop to one firm which published, exclusively, "War Horror" types of comics. The Navy stopped such material from ships, barracks and recreation rooms.

Before the Juvenile court judges of Minnesota took up the problem last January, 1952, certain National magazines sounded the warning: "Smut Peddlers Are After Your Child". The Lutheran Christian Herald, May, 1952 issue carried "Smut on the News Stands." And in the October issue of the Reader's Digest (1952), Margaret Culkin Banning gave her report of a study over the nation on invasion of indecent literature into communities under commission to the Digest. She also appeared, recently, before the Gatherings House Committee at Washington, D. C., which was set up to consider filth spreading over America to the detriment of our youth under the guise of "Freedom of the Press."

It is not possible to give detailed proof, nor an exhaustive brief on the facts and evidence to show what we mean by "FILTH" in this short statement. We would not display the proof openly anyway, but only to responsible adult-parents. We can simply say, however, that in every instance when we have given talks before Kiwanis, Rotary and Sertoma clubs; Jaycees, Church groups of all Faiths, Mother's clubs, P.T.A.'s, and Ministerial associations, that one and all were "APPALLED" by the evidence we presented to them and for their personal inspection.

We state definitely, that, the pocket-books, the "Picture-Girlie" type of magazines, the "Gag-Cartoon-girlie" rag, True Detective, the Comics referred to, the Sex-Information ads—all this material—in nearly every instance was bought in the community, or could have been bought in the community in which the talks were given.

Why are Distributors and Wholesalers and Importers putting up such a hard fight in this matter of peddling of rot? The answer is simple. It is a multi-million dollar racket. Remember to what length Al Capone went to preserve his house of "prostitution racket" in Chicago? It's the same incentive—big money. The increase since 1946 in the output of this material is 700% of units released. **SEVEN HUNDRED PER CENT.**

That, my friends, is the result of a "do-nothing-about-it" policy and the answer to those cackling-hen-orators who say action now will spread the material the more. But it is a fact that the lack of alertness on the part of parents ought to make them ashamed to accept the honor of parenthood.

It will be strange, but it will happen: Those who show concern for youth will be tagged with a "sinister hidden purpose" by the daily press. Whereas, the pig squealing prostitutes of the written word, and picture, and their distributors, will suddenly become "victims" of an evil attack upon "Freedom of the Press."

HOW FAR CAN THIS SHAMING OF A COMMUNITY WITH THE PRESENCE OF SUCH FILTH GO? HOW LONG CAN THE MULTI-MILLION DOLLAR RACKET GAIN PROTECTION? IT IS AN INSULT TO THE MINDS AND MORALS OF THE PEOPLE OF MINNESOTA, THE PROTESTANT, THE JEW, THE CATHOLIC, TO ASSUME THAT THEY ARE NOT CONCERNED, BUT THAT ONLY ONE OF THOSE FAITHS IS CONCERNED. (And That One Sinister in Purpose.)

Only the very shallow could harbor such conclusions. Also, the assumption that a people cannot act constitutionally to protect their children's morals, and the right to the pursuit of happiness—but that they may act constitutionally to protect property, is rank materialism and secularism, and not a fact upheld by any court of law.

We find, after a study of the laws of some thirty states, that perhaps Michigan's statutes best express the desire and intentions of the Minnesota Juvenile court association. The City of Detroit has acted vigorously with that law and has accomplished much. And the County attorneys of Michigan are taking the lead—as it should be in this state.

In these days of violent subversive attack upon the minds and morals of our youth by Communism for one, and Indecent Literature for another method, we must all, as parents, as legislators, as people in responsible positions, be eternally vigilant. It is the price we must pay for true liberty. We must stop the inroads of moral decadency because it is a ripe bed of communism.

We must enact a law, which will let it be known we definitely mean business.

THAT WE STAND FOR EVERY FREEDOM WON, BUT THE FREEDOM TO SPREAD FILTH TO OUR YOUTH. LET US STAND UP AND BE COUNTED. LET US SAY, NO ONE HAS THE RIGHT TO THE FREEDOM TO DEFILE THE YOUTH OF AMERICA OR MINNESOTA. The Minneapolis Star.

NEWS AND NOTES

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approximately five years and during that period there was an encouraging growth. The congregation expressed its appreciation to them with a fitting farewell, at which time they were presented with a purse.

During the vacancy Mr. Gerhard Nygaard, a senior Seminary student, and Mrs. Nygaard served the congregation efficiently and well. They were welcomed to Northwest Trinity with a reception and a pantry shower. Members of the church had loaned household equipment, so that Mr. and Mrs. Nygaard could be comfortably housed during their stay.

The cooperative spirit on the part of the members was shown also in many other ways. The church council members and others sponsored the complete redecoration of the parsonage. A Vacation Bible school was held for two weeks, which was well attended and ably conducted by members of the Sunday school staff and others, with the student pastor in charge. Several of the young people attended the Pleasant Hill Bible Camp of the Illinois District.

Fortunately Mr. and Mrs. Nygaard stayed until the arrival of Pastor and Mrs. Oscar E. Johnson, so the work was carried on without interruption. Again the congregation had a fine reception with a good program in honor of Pastor and Mrs. Johnson and little David, and they were given a generous supply

of pantry articles.

Eight members of the church, together with Pastor Johnson attended our district convention at Greenville. All returned home with more knowledge of our synod's work and program and with zeal and enthusiasm to do even more work. It is commendable that, though this is a small mission group, over a thousand dollars was contributed to the various missions of our synod and district during the past year.

During the month of December we had many spiritual blessings. There were the beautiful Christmas services with special music by the choir. A service of consecration of pledges for 1953 was held. A very impressive program was given by the Mission Guild. An excellent Christmas program was given by members of the Sunday school to a very large audience.

Fresno, Calif., Rev. Christian Justesen, pastor. Mrs. Anna Louise Hardy, nee Rosenberg, daughter of the late Rev. and Mrs. E. S. Rosenberg, died January 8, 1953, after a long illness. She leaves to mourn her departure, her husband, Mr. Dan Hardy, her one year and eleven months old daughter, Alice Ann, her mother, Mrs. E. S. Rosenberg, her brother, Olfert Rosenberg and four sisters.

During the past year 69 baptized members have been added to the Bethel membership roll. The church has been modernized and redecorated. The choir has procured new choir robes. The Ladies Aid is providing the

altar with new altar cloths.

Dr. R. E. Morton, president of Dana College is visiting congregations in the valley and elsewhere in California. He preached at Bethel, January 18.

The pastor was given a \$400 bonus and allowance made for secretarial help.

Ebenezer Lutheran Church, Reedley, Calif. Rev. A. P. Andersen, pastor. We rejoice at the end of 1952 that we have had a good year, a blessed year. We rejoice that our pastor, who underwent major surgery the first of the month, with God's care and help is recovering beautifully. We know that although he will have to progress slowly, he will before too long be back in "full swing" again. We do regret losing four of our members through death: Mr. Justesen, Mr. Hans Melgard, Mr. Jens Sorensen, and Mr. Hans Slaikjer; but we rejoice again knowing they have gone to a Better Home where suffering is no more.

We are happy that we were in a position to offer our parish hall to our elementary school system to house or class for a few months until the new school is completed. There was a definite emergency to be met when the entirety of one of the schools was condemned as unsafe following the two major California earthquakes.

We have missed the use of this hall many times—but sharing and helpfulness makes for happiness; so we have considered this project a blessing all

Book Reviews

For the Altar

By William Ward Ayer, Zondervan Publ. House, 198 pages, \$2.50.

This is a book on evangelism, not what we in Lutheran circles understand by evangelism, but of mass evangelism.

The author holds that the era of mass evangelism is back again. Here are the chapters of the book: The Needed Revival, the National Situation, a Method to be pursued. The evangelistic movements in America in the past are described. The life of the church now is also discussed. The author is rather negative in evaluating the church. It is formalistic and modernistic, and therefore he holds that a great revival is needed. However, when we have voiced these criticisms, we do want to say that the author gives a number of interesting and worthwhile points.—J.M.J.

Jeremiah

By Theo. Laetzch, Concordia Publ. House, 412 pages, \$2.00.

This is a most valuable commentary on the book of Jeremiah as well as on the book of Lamentations. The author is a scholarly Lutheran professor. Each verse of each chapter is discussed and the verses are printed in full. The book also has a very good index. If you want a commentary on the weeping prophet, here is a good one.—J.M.J.

Jesus of Messiah's Glory

By David Baron, Zondervan Publ. House, 274 pages, \$2.00.

This is a book about Christ in the Old Testament. It is a reprint of a book printed in 1886. However, it is a relevant classic. Perhaps it might be of real interest during Lent. A list of the chapter headings will serve to give an idea of the book. 1, In the Scroll of the Book, or Predicted and Fulfilled. 2, Messiah as Priest and King. 3, The Branch, or Four Aspects of Messiah's Character. 4, The Branch and the Branches, or a Symbol of Christ in His Church. 5, Four precious Titles of Messiah. 6, Jesus and Christ. 7, Isaiah 53, Messianic or Not.—J.M.J.

Making Your Marriage Succeed

By Theodore F. Adams, Harper and Brothers, 155 pages, \$2.00.

Many books on marriage have been written. This one is one of the best. It is very good to place in the hands of an engaged couple.—J.M.J.

The Use of Life

By Frederick Ward Kates, Harper and Brothers, 143 pages, \$1.75.

A number of Lenten books have appeared, and here is one which contains 21 short essays of interest, with a number of illustrations. The author is an Episcopalian minister, who was a newspaper man before he studied theology.—J.M.J.

Henry Drummond: An Anthology

Edited and with the Story of his Life, by James W. Kennedy, Harper and Brothers, 253 pages, \$3.00.

The moment you see the name of Drummond you at once think of his little book, The Greatest Thing in the World. The first 61 pages describe Drummond under the title, A glimpse of the man. Here you get the life and influences that made the man. The next 150 pages are devoted to his message. Drummond was a deep thinker and a scientist who tried to apply the gospel to the man of his time. The final pages of the book are devoted to his methods, and they are interesting. This is a good book for any preacher.—J.M.J.

The Beatitudes

By Hugh Martin, Harper and Brothers, 92 pages, \$1.00.

This is a delightful little book, with many good points in the study of the Beatitudes. Certainly, a series of sermons on them would be better if the speaker had read this book of Hugh Martin.—J.M.J.

By Man Rejected

By Herman Astrup Larsen, Augsburg Publ. House, 197 pages, \$2.00.

This is a rather unique Lenten book with a fresh presentation of an old theme. The first chapter on the Garden of Eden is especially interesting.—J.M.J.

The Passion Story

By Wilhelm Friederick Besser, translated by J. Melvin Moe, Augsburg Publ. House, 328 pages, \$3.75.

This is a treasure house of the passion story, following and interpreting the story in its whole Biblical sequence. It is a Lenten classic translated from the German. The publishers deserve credit for this fine book.—J.M.J.

Our English Bible in the Making

By Herbert Gordon May, Westminster Press, 154 pages, \$2.75.

The author of this book was a member of the committee which revised and gave us the Revised Standard Version of the Bible. He first goes back and discusses different early English translations. Then he discusses the King James and the American Standard Versions. He then devotes some pages on a half century of discovery of Bible texts. He also spends some time on some Twentieth Century Versions. He finally describes the great work of the large committee producing the R.S.V. In view of the much discussion of this version, we think this book is very helpful. We believe the R.S.V. will soon take the place of the other translations. It may have a few weaknesses, but certainly it is a great improvement over the other versions. Any weakness can be corrected later. This book is therefore of interest.—J.M.J.

The Christian Doctrine of Creation and Redemption

By Emil Brunner, Westminster Press, 386 pages, \$6.00

Brunner's name is well known in the theological world. This book first written in German is now available in a good English translation. We do not have the time to truly review this great work. We simply quote the description of the contents, which the fly leaf gives:

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claw policy on Lutheran relationships is a deterrent to acceptance of Lutheran testimony.

As long as different Lutheran bodies exist, no matter how well disposed toward each other, misunderstandings will occur. Apparently, three Lutheran bodies, of different national origin, are going to do something about that. The American Lutheran Church (German), the Evangelical Lutheran Church, (Norwegian), and the United Evangelical Lutheran Church (Danish) are trying to work out a merger. The year 1953 should see significant progress in this attempt, based on a generally conservative Lutheran doctrinal stand enunciated in a document called "The United Testimony."

Prospects for this merger have been enhanced by the recent withdrawal of the Augustana Lutheran Church from these negotiations. Not all are pleased by this development. Dr. Edw. W. Schramm, editor of the *ALC Lutheran Standard*, voiced a rather plaintive plea to the three bodies to proceed cautiously lest the three-way merger impede progress toward an all-Lutheran union some day. Most people in these three bodies disagree with Dr. Schramm, however. They feel that a strong merger on conservative lines will constitute a warning voice to the more liberally-minded United Lutheran Church in America and the Augustana Lutheran Church, as well as an invitation to more conservative Lutherans to reexamine their position in the whole picture of Lutheran relationships.

Apparently, ULCA and Augustana leaders have given up hope that the ALC-ELC-UELC merger negotiations will assume a form acceptable at this time to those two bodies. The Wisconsin and Norwegian Synods of the Synodical Conference quite naturally, have expressed hostility to the proposed arrangement. The Missouri Synod and Slovak Evangelical Lutheran Church have maintained an interested but hands-off attitude, evidently in the hope that sound Lutheran principles will be embodied

in the new accord. They have reason for hope in view of the sound Lutheran traditions which are part of the history of all three bodies planning to effect the merger.

Of course, all of this organizational fever, for and against Lutheran unity, could eventuate simply in solidification of a $\frac{1}{3}$ - $\frac{1}{3}$ - $\frac{1}{3}$ division in American Lutheranism. Some Lutherans are hoping for that result, and have threatened to break off all present associations unless it develops. If such an alignment should result in more recriminations between Lutherans, it might be added, would bring real disheartenment among laymen of all Lutheran bodies.

One of the greatest questions confronting American Lutherans is: What kind of associations, apart from actual exchange of pulpits and altars, can we have in view of the divisions which are likely to exist for some time to come? The National Lutheran Council was formed in one attempt to answer that question. The Lutheran World Federation is another answer of a somewhat different kind. The large and energetic Missouri Synod is a member of neither.

The big questions which will confront the Missouri Synod in the next ten years are likely to be: Is there room in the life of the church for inter-Lutheran organizations which do not involve, cannot involve, and do not want to involve exchange of pulpits and altars? Can the Missouri Synod associate itself with organizations whose avowed purpose it is to work out cooperative endeavors in areas where pulpit and altar "fellowship" is not altogether necessary, even though it might be desirable?

Since the Assembly at Hannover, the Missouri Synod has received a renewed invitation to become a member of the Lutheran World Federation. Consideration of that invitation will very likely be the occasion for discussing its answers to these questions.

BOOK REVIEWS

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This new volume of Emil Brunner's series on Dogmatics is an intensely interesting and deeply thoughtful book, explaining Brunner's theological understanding of creation and redemption—related particularly to the doctrine of Christ.

It establishes more firmly the interpretation which is one of Brunner's most important contributions to Christian thinking—his concept of "truth as encounter." Brunner's idea of the "I-Thou" relationship in faith as an encounter with the living Christ is an underlying emphasis in his whole work on Dogmatics. He feels that this emphasis alone offers the modern Christian thinker a choice apart from liberalism and rigid orthodoxy.

According to Brunner, the truth which broke through at the Reformation—of the personal character of faith as encounter with Christ—can set us free from the rigid bounds of orthodoxy so that we have a faith based on the love of God in Jesus Christ. As Brunner explains it, he wants to recapture the living force of the Protestant Reformation and keep today's revival of Reformation theo-

logy from hardening into another orthodoxy. This is the real purpose of his three-volume series.

Although this second volume is part of a trilogy, it is an independent book and will be of much individual value to those who are interested in the great Christian doctrines which it treats.

The book discusses the Creator and his Creation; man as sinner; providence, preservation, and God's government of the world; then treats history, law, and the foundation of the Christian faith. Brunner goes on to describe the saving work of God in Jesus Christ, and concludes with his interpretation of the person of Christ.

In his systematic treatment of the great themes of Christian doctrine, Brunner raises and answers the questions of most concern to ministers and students of theology. The trained theologian and teacher will find in this volume not only valuable summaries of the author's established positions, but also fresh and stimulating discussions of a variety of new subjects. Brunner's statements on such subjects as evolution, miracles, resurrection, and ascension will undoubtedly produce strong reactions among his many readers.—J.M.J.

BY THE FIRESIDE

LIFE

By W. M. Vories

Life is too brief
Between the budding and the falling leaf.
Between the seed time and the golden sheaf,
For hate and spite.

We have not time for malice and for greed.
Therefore, with love make beautiful the deed;
Fast speeds the night.

Life is too swift
Between the blossom and the white snow's drift,
Between the silence and the lark's uplift,
For bitter words.

In kindness and in gentleness our speech
Must carry messages of hope, and reach
The sweetest chords.

—Expositor

T. N. T.

A minister recently sent a number of books, among them a copy of the New Testament, to be rebound. He was surprised on the return of the books to find on the backbone of the New Testament a label in gilt letters, "T.N.T." There was no room to spell out "The New Testament," so the bookbinder inscribed merely "T.N.T." the first letters of the three words.

Not a bad name for the New Testament! It is T.N.T.—it is spiritual dynamite.—Source Unknown.

HE LIVES THE MOST

He lives the most whose eyes perceive
The beauty hid in every zone,
Whose faith can pierce all distances,
And makes the things unseen his own.

He lives the most whose senses are keen
Have felt the pang of every woe,
Who knows by sad experiences
The tests which mortals undergo.

He lives the most whose soul responds
To all that's good, to every need,
Whose willing hands and tireless feet,
Are swift to do each Christlike deed.

He lives the most whose heart of love
O'erflows its banks on every side,
Who like his Master gives himself,
And casts his bread upon the tide.

—H. W. Howard

IT IS GETTING WARMER

Dr. C. E. P. Brooks, a distinguished British meteorologist, states in a recent issue of Harpers Magazine that our earth is gradually becoming warmer. This is no surprise to most people who are complaining of the heat in summer time, and approving of the mild winters. But it is surprising to learn the climate is actually changing. We thought it was only we who changed.

The British meteorologist states that glaciers are melting at a more rapid rate—enough to raise all the oceans by an inch in this century. Birds and fish are ranging farther north, and agriculture is also moving further north on the formerly barren tundras of Canada and Asia. Cod, which was practically unknown in Greenland 50 years ago, has become a principal food of the Eskimos. Spitzbergen harbors, once free of ice only three months of the year, are now open seven. And Dr. Brooks believes that the warming up is increasing.

The glaciers have been retreating for 100 years. Some theories trace these variations to changes in the sun. They must then have taken place in the long ago to reach the earth now. But Dr. Brooks believes the change is also due to wind and water currents. He thinks the process could go on until melted ice raised the oceans 200 feet, which will be serious for the people living here at that time, but need not disturb us.

UNPREJUDICED SOIL

A story is told of the poet Coleridge, who had listened to a vehement argument given by a visitor against religious instruction of the young. His caller had concluded with the statement of his determination not to "prejudice" his children in favor of any form of religion, but to allow them, at maturity, to choose for themselves. Coleridge made no immediate comment, but shortly afterward asked this same visitor if he would like to see his garden. Receiving a reply in the affirmative, he led his guest to a strip of lawn overgrown with weeds.

"Why, this is no garden. It is nothing but a weed patch," cried the guest.

"Oh," replied Coleridge, "that is because it has not come to its age of discretion and choice. The weeds you see have taken the opportunity to grow, and I thought it unfair of me to prejudice the soil toward roses and strawberries."

In view of these facts, let us face the challenge of the day and pledge ourselves to start family worship in our homes, with the help of the Lord and by his wisdom and grace. —E. B. in Church Herald.

FOLLOW THE LEADER

From behind the Iron Curtain: The leading slogan of the Communist government in Hungary is this: "We follow the glorious example of the great Soviet Union." When the largest jewelry store in Budapest was robbed, not a single gem was left by the robbers. They did leave, however, a big red sign that read: "We Follow the Glorious Example of the Great Soviet Union."—Pathfinder.

Boarder: "I found a nickel in my hash."

Landlady: "Yes, I put it there. You've been complaining about the lack of change in your meals!"

Traffic Cop: "Listen lady, didn't you hear my whistle?"

Young Thing: "Yes, but you're wasting your time. I'm engaged."

A woman in an isolated rural spot wrote to the Lonely Hearts Editor:

"My sister and I aren't exactly lonely. We have each other to talk to, but we need another woman to talk about."

A Page for Youth . . .

HOMER LARSEN, Editor

YOUTH SUNDAY

A LETTER FROM OUR LUTHER LEAGUE PRESIDENT

Greetings Luther Leaguers!

We are trying to get all our 3000 Luther Leaguers to take an active part in Youth Sunday this year. It is through participation that we learn to love the work and thus also experience rich spiritual blessings.

This year Youth Sunday is set aside for Missions and the offerings received will go for the purpose in support of our South American Seminary Student and the building of a chapel in Japan. A rather striking project, don't you think? A preacher in one land and a place of worship in the other.

Let us make Youth Sunday count this year, can we count on you?

Sincerest greetings in Christ,

M. C. Hagedorn, President
Luther League of the UELC

A WORTHWHILE PROJECT

From time to time some of us have been guilty of making the statement that our Synodical Luther League should be doing more. We have pointed to the past and remarked about how much used to be done. Some of us have even spoken at our district conventions about having more of these worthwhile projects such as the Luther League supported in the years past.

It seems that our Youth Board has complied with our request. Here they have given us two very worthwhile projects to support. The first is the support of the theological student, Pausanias Wilcheas, who is studying in Argentina. The second of these endeavors is to purchase land and build a chapel at Mori, Japan, under the supervision of Missionary Lloyd Neve. The cost here is not to exceed approximately \$3,000. This project has received the approval of the Foreign Missions Boards of the UELC and the ULC as well as a committee of the Japan Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Because the Mission Funds are not coming in as they should the Luther League Executive Committee has decided that the 1953 Youth Sunday Offerings would be given to our Mission Fund. We will have to have \$4,000 for these two funds. If each one of our leaguers will give liberally on Youth Sunday our goal will be accomplished. Let's back these missionary endeavors to the very best of our ability. If we forget about Youth Sun-

day, offerings and all of the other plans that have been made for us by our officers, these projects will fail. If we will give them our support they will be a success. Certainly this is the type of thing we have been hoping for in our Luther League work.

"Free Men in Christ Jesus"

During the month of February our minds are turned to some of the great leaders of our land. We celebrate the birth of George Washington, the great general who fought the bitter battles of the Revolutionary War for the cause of freedom. Our thoughts go back once more to an individual like Abraham Lincoln who emphasized the importance of "all men" being free regardless of their race. Today, and as long as our land exists, these men will be honored for their willingness to take a firm stand against those who would endanger man's freedom. These men are known as "our liberators."

Certainly the word "freedom" is one of the most precious words in man's vocabulary. Yet outside of Jesus Christ we do not understand the true meaning of the word. It might be true that the individual who is not a Christian might enjoy a national freedom but this same individual is in spiritual captivity. Since the fall of Adam, man has inherited a sinful nature. The devil holds the natural man as his captive. Thus man outside of Christ is deprived of knowing the blessings of being free spiritually speaking.

However, while we were yet sinners Christ Jesus came into this world to set us free from our spiritual bondage both for now and forevermore. Listen to what Jesus says, "If you continue in my word, you are my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." The truth to which Jesus referred here was mainly that he would defeat Satan and would be our spiritual liberator. No longer would the "prince of this world" have dominion over us. He could no longer damn our souls for all eternity. This victory over Satan came at Calvary. At that time our blessed Lord defeated Satan in that he paid the price for our sins through his sacrificial death there. Thus we have been set free from the devil who held us in bondage.

It is Margaret T. Applegarth in one of her late books who says, "Sooner or later, every church member ought to try his hand at putting down on paper what Christ means to him." What does Christ mean to you? Would you answer this question by saying, "He is a great teacher or a fine example?" If that is all He is you are yet in spiritual bondage. No, He is our Savior, our liberator. The one who won for us a freedom that shall be ours for all eternity. The man in Christ Jesus is free in deed.

Correction, please! In the issue of January 19th in the article Home Missions Opportunities In Canada. In the sixth paragraph it was stated "Urban communities are springing up without adequate service from the rural communities,"; the line should read: "without adequate service from the church and thousands of Lutherans are being scattered out into the rural communities."

If I am a son of God, nothing but God will satisfy my soul; no amount of comfort, no amount of ease, no amount of pleasure will give me peace or rest. If I had the full cup of all the world's joys held up to me, and could drain it to the dregs, I should still remain thirsty if I had not God.

—G. A. Studdert-Kennedy

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American Lutheran Groups Gave \$3,659,670 to Foreign Missions

St. Paul, Minn.—American Lutheran church bodies gave \$3,659,670 to support foreign mission activities on 51 fields in 18 countries during 1952, according to the Lutheran Foreign Missions Conference of America.

The figures were compiled by Dr. Andrew S. Burgess, professor of missions at Luther Theological Seminary here.

The major amount, \$1,107,197, was allocated to India. A total of \$660,808 went to Japan, \$633,685 to Africa, \$400,083 to Latin America, \$308,685 to China, and lesser amounts to other countries. Lutheran mission work in China is now limited to Hong Kong and Formosa, the report stated.

The only mission field opened in 1952 was Uruguay. It was inaugurated by the Division of Lutheran Cooperation in Latin America of the National Lutheran Council with major support from the Augustana Lutheran Church and a substantial contribution from the United Lutheran Church in America.

The nine church bodies and three independent mission societies listed by Dr. Burgess have 421 ordained missionaries, 434 unordained workers and 482 married women in the field. In addition, they have 614 ordained nationals and 10,249 native lay workers.

The missions have 5,198 congregations, with a total baptized membership of 693,523. They conduct 2,540 schools with 158,945 students and operate 28 hospitals and 98 dispensaries.

Korean Christian Group Assails Concubinage

Pusan, Korea—A resolution urging the Republic of Korea to dismiss from public office any official who maintains a concubine was adopted by the South Korean Christian Party here.

The action followed the reported disclosure in a survey by the Christian

group that many public workers and higher officials in South Korea are keeping "one or more" women in addition to a legal wife.

Dismissal also was recommended in the resolution of each of "the few" women officials alleged to be living in concubinage with a man having a legal wife.

"Removal of such elements from all responsible positions" is necessary politically, as well as for purely moral considerations, the resolution said.

"Communism can never be really crushed in Korea just by words or military action," it said.

The South Korean Christian Party was formed last August as the outgrowth of a fellowship, Shinnu Hwae, created about three years ago by members of the Korean National Assembly who are Christians. It is pledged to work for peace and the restoration of national sovereignty and to support the Constitution, democratic procedures and "fair play in politics."

Lutheran Bodies Send out 241 Missionaries to 19 Countries

Eighteen Lutheran church bodies and two church-related agencies in North America sent 241 missionaries to mission fields in nineteen countries during 1952, according to statistics compiled annually by Dr. Andrew S. Burgess, professor of missions at Luther Theological Seminary, St. Paul, Minn.

This total was 32 more than the 209 missionaries assigned to service in 1951, 83 more than the 158 in 1950, 89 more than the 152 in 1949 and 50 more than the 191 in 1948, but six less than the 247 in 1947 and 67 less than the 308 in 1946.

Of those who went out last year, 131 entered upon their first mission assignment, and 110 returned to their stations after furloughs. The total number of Lutheran missionaries from North America is now 1,337, according to Dr.

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TRAVEL TO DENMARK

Historic Muhlenberg Church Marks 210 Years

Philadelphia — St. Michael's and Zion Lutheran church marked its 210th anniversary here. It was joined for the occasion in its old downtown location by two "sister" and four "daughter" congregations.

St. Michael's was founded in 1743 by the Rev. Henry Melchior Muhlenberg, "patriarch" of the Lutheran faith in America, and father of three distinguished patriot sons. He also established congregations for the westward tide of German immigrants at New Hanover and Trappe, Pa.

The "daughter" congregations are all in Philadelphia. All but one of the seven have bi-lingual services.

Zion was the largest and most beautiful edifice in the colonies when it was opened in 1769. It seated nearly 3,000. During the Revolution both churches were defaced to quarter British troops. In 1782, Zion church was repaired and a Tanneberg organ of 2,000 pipes, the largest of that day in the States, was installed.

The Congressional memorial services for George Washington was held here when Major General "Lighthorse" Harry Lee delivered the eulogy, "First in war, first in peace, first in the hearts of his countrymen."

The memorial for Benjamin Franklin and a number of other historic services were held in Zion church. The Lutheran Ministerium of Pennsylvania, which now has 605 congregations, was organized here in 1748; also one of the earliest parochial schools, in 1744.

The 10th pastor over the 210-year span is the Rev. John H. Hamester, who came five years ago from a German congregation in Pembroke, Ontario.

Survey Shows 95% of DP's Join American Congregations

New York—Ninety-five per cent of the displaced persons brought to the United States under the auspices of the National Lutheran Council three or more years ago have become members of Protestant congregations. . . and eighty-eight per cent of those who arrived before June 30, 1949, have declared their intention to become American citizens.

These and other statistics on Lutheran "new neighbors" in the U. S. are revealed in a survey being conducted by the Lutheran Resettlement Service through a questionnaire sent to all those who immigrated with the help of the agency.

Miss June Anderson, supervisor of the LRS service department, is in charge of the survey. Thus far, she said, questionnaires have been sent to all the 1,266 family units brought into the U. S. on the first 51 transports arriving from 1948 through June 1949. Half of the questionnaires, or 667, have been returned and provide sufficient information for a preliminary summary of the adjustment of the former DP's to American life.

While according to the returned questionnaires, 385 of the family units

had no children or youngsters of school age, the remaining 272 families reported a total of 56 young people enrolled in colleges or universities, 62 high-school students, and 111 junior high school students. The total of grade school pupils reported was 268.

BOOK REVIEWS

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The Penningtons

By Basil Partridge, Westminster

Press, 284 pages, \$3.00

I have lived in both New Brunswick and Montreal, Canada. This is no doubt the reason The Penningtons proved to be such an absorbing novel. The writer is a son of the first dean of Christ Church Cathedral, New Brunswick, and he writes a story so realistic and so interesting that it no doubt is right that he "cannot say where fact ends and fiction begins." We live at the home of the Dean of the Cathedral, and we follow each member of the family with their several problems. The father is a kindly gentleman and the mother very dynamic and temperamental. The family is a very close clan, and the story shows how each one becomes independent without losing the family ties. The book has its tense and dramatic pages, and it has some fine love stories of the different members of the family. The conservative life of Church of England members clashes with the less conservative forms of church life. The French Canadian family at Montreal is a very human and fine family. Any one will find the book absorbing, and certainly our readers in Canada will not want to be without this book. —J.M.J.

PLEASE NOTE: In last week's acknowledgments was a \$15 gift for the synod's missions from Miss Nana Nielsen, Oaks, Okla. It should have been from the Helping Hand Society in memory of Mrs. Nannie Hatfield.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

	Total Received	Chil- dren's Homes	School Fund	General Fund	Home Mission	Indian Mission	Utah Mission	Pen- sion Fund
Synodical Budget	191191.60	20717.10	75000.00	21857.50	34870.00	6600.00	1842.00	30305.00
Previously acknowledged	111535.05	15756.95	39170.59	12745.98	18512.50	4526.81	1746.81	19075.41
Spring Valley, S. D., Spring Valley Luth. Church	75.25	36.45	19.40		19.40			
Bone Lake, Wis., St. Paul's Luth. Sunday School for the three Homes.	24.00	24.00						
Rutland, Ia., Trinity Ladies' Aid in memory of Chris Fries, Humboldt, Ia.	3.00	3.00						
Winneteon, Nebr., Bethesda Luth. Church	251.30	26.30	125.00	25.00	25.00	25.00		25.00
Winnipeg, Man., Can., First Dan. Luth. Church	80.00				80.00			
Pasadena, Calif., Bethany Luth. Church	65.00	10.00	35.00	10.00	10.00			
Toronto, Ont., Canada, Mrs. V. W. Bondo in memory of Mrs. Johanna Pilby	5.00							
Exira, Ia., Exira Luth. Church	500.00		250.00	50.00	100.00	50.00		50.00
Fresno, Calif., Bethel Luth. Sunday School Christmas offering	40.00	40.00						
Plentywood, Mont., C. M. Vesterby of Emmaus Church, Coalridge	40.00	10.00	10.00			10.00		10.00
Hartland, Wis., Miss Beate Hauge in memory of Pastor Peder Hauge	5.00							
St. Paul, Minn., Mr. and Mrs. C. Pedersen	25.00	10.00			5.00			5.00
Superior, Nebr., Bill Christensen in memory of his mother Christine Christensen	10.00	10.00			10.00			
Salmonhurst, N. B., Can., St. Peter's Luth. Sunday School	14.09	9.13						
Webster Groves, Mo., Bethany Ladies' Aid, birthday money	9.50					4.96		
Webster Groves, Mo., in memory of Mrs. H. C. Anderson: Mr. and Mrs. J. Andersen \$2, Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Nelson \$2, Chris Andersen \$1.	5.00					9.50		
Harlan, Ia., Mrs. Bertha M. Jacobsen in memory of John D. Jacobsen	5.00					5.00		
Kansas City, Kan., Westwood Luth. Church	100.00		50.00		5.00			25.00
Westby, Mont., Mr. and Mrs. Hans O. Hansen in memory of Ernest Lamp, Morgan, Minn.	5.00				25.00			
Flaxton, N. D., Mrs. Viola Potter in memory of Tom Jacobsen	1.00				5.00			
					1.00			

ton, N. D., Guri Kostad and Isabell Cornell in memory of Mrs. Hattie Marron	2.00				2.00				
ens, N. Y., Sunday School of St. Matthew Luth. Church	20.00	20.00							
ne, Wis., Mr. and Mrs. Einer Jacobsen, Mr. and Mrs. Victor Andersen and Mr. and Mrs. Theo. Simonsen in memory of Abel Nielsen	3.00					3.00			
on, Minn., St. Matthew Luth. Sunday School Christmas offering	15.00	15.00							
on, Ill., Zion Ev. Luth. Sunday School, contents of birthday bank	18.32	18.32							
ey, Mich., Immanuel Luth. Sunday School	10.00	10.00							
an, Ia., Immanuel Luth. Ladies' Aid in memory of Mrs. Mary Christensen	5.00				5.00				
Lake City, Utah, Tabor Luth. Church	25.00	25.00							
wood, Calif., St. Paul's Luth. Church	413.33	200.00	63.33	50.00	50.00			50.00	
tinger, Ia., South Walnut Sunday School of St. Paul's Luth. Church, Christmas tree collection and contents of birthday bank	20.33	20.33							
on, Wis., St. John's Luth. Church	100.00	50.00		50.00					
Wis., First Luth. Sunday school Christmas offering	40.00	40.00							
rior, Nebr., Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Jensen of Bethany Church, Ruskin	20.00		5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00			
ubon, Ia., Mr. and Mrs. Martin P. Rasmussen of Eben-Ezer Church, the \$5 is in memory of Mr. and Mrs. George Espersen	40.00	20.00	15.00	5.00					
and, Ia., the Sunday School, Christmas offering for Elim Home	32.19	24.25			7.94				
\$24.25, and \$7.94 for the Indian Mission	5.00							5.00	
eer, Ia., Bethany Ladies' Aid in memory of Mrs. Andrew Anderson									5.00
Nebr., Pastor and Mrs. C. Jeppesen in memory of Mrs. Paul Frankel, Sturtevant, Wis.	2.00	2.00							
Alberta, Can., St. Paul's Luth. Church	50.00	25.00		10.00				15.00	
field, S. Dak., St. Paul's Luth. Sunday school Christmas offering	9.05	9.05							
hington Island, Wis., Rev. C. Krogh	30.00							30.00	
r Falls, Ia., Nazareth Luth. Church	175.00	5.00	95.00	25.00	25.00	25.00			
t, Okla., Mr. and Mrs. Holger Christensen	15.00	10.00		5.00					
onal Luth. Council, New York	7.56		7.56						
on, Mass., Bethany Luth. Church	204.02	25.15	70.00	30.00	30.00	10.00	6.97	31.90	
apaca, Wis., Trinity Luth. Church	341.66	25.00	170.00	25.00	30.00	20.00		71.66	
TOTAL	114401.65	16139.93	40334.99	13001.87	19014.90	4757.21	1758.78	19393.97	

MISSIONS

	Total	Japan	Amer.	Santal	Sudan	Jewish	China	World
ously acknowledged	39639.69	9270.67	12173.25	6145.23	10482.56	520.41	114.01	561.06
on, Ariz., Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Hague in memory of Mrs. Carl Dahlgaard, Westby, Mont.	5.00							5.00
adena, Calif., Christmas offering by a member of Bethany Church	10.00	10.00						
lehurst, Nebr., Ladies' Aid of Our Savior's Luth. Church	5.00	5.00						
brook, Me., Trinity Luth. Church	202.45							202.45
ey, Mont., Pella Foreign Mission Society	200.00							200.00
ubon, Ia., Our Savior's Luth. Sunday School	137.49		137.49					
tywood, Mont., C. M. Vesterby of Emmaus Church, Coalridge	10.00							10.00
and, Calif., Lutheran Brotherhood of Our Savior's Luth. Church	37.53			37.53				
erne, N. D., Luverne Luth. Church	48.00							48.00
ton, N. D., Rev. and Mrs. J. H. Petersen in memory of Tom Jacobsen	2.00			2.00				
ton, N. D., Rev. and Mrs. J. H. Petersen in memory of Mrs. Hattie Marron	2.00							2.00
ens, N. Y., Sunday School of St. Matthew Luth. Church	15.00		15.00					
ne, Wis., in memory of Mrs. Christina Olsen of Immanuel Church by relatives and friends from Waupaca, Wis.	15.00			15.00				
ne, Wis., in memory of Mrs. Christina Olsen of Immanuel Church by friends in Immanuel Church	21.00			21.00				
osh, Wis., Our Savior's Luth. Sunday School	25.00							25.00
rior, Nebr., Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Jensen of Bethany Church, Ruskin	5.00		5.00					
ubon, Ia., Mr. and Mrs. Martin P. Rasmussen of Eben-Ezer Church	20.00	5.00	10.00	5.00				
neapolis, Minn., the Zion Society	4.00					4.00		
ne, Wis., Friends of Our Savior's Luth. Church in memory of Mrs. Paul Frankel	5.00			5.00				
dale, Calif., Oscar R. Larsen	35.00	35.00						
field, S. D., St. Paul's Luth. Sunday School	8.75	8.75						
anapolis, Ind., Luther League of First Trinity Luth. Church	10.00							10.00
sfail, Alberta, Can., in memory of Mrs. Kirstine Christensen from the Danish Group in New Raven School	20.00			20.00				
ington, Minn., Mrs. A. F. Lamp in memory of Father Lamp's birthday	2.00							2.00
ington, Minn., Mrs. A. F. Lamp	2.00		2.00					
lin, Ia., from friends in memory of Mrs. John Peterson	5.00			5.00				
r Falls, Ia., W.M.S. of Nazareth Luth. Church	60.85	60.85						
r Falls, Ia., W.M.S. of Nazareth Luth. Church for Miss Maya Winther	25.00	25.00						
apaca, Wis., Bethel Ladies' Aid for Helen Danielson's salary	10.00		10.00					
apaca, Wis., Bethel Ladies' Aid	30.00	10.00		10.00	10.00			
on, Mass., Bethany Ladies Aid for Helen Danielson's salary	25.00		25.00					
a Yan, N. Y., St. Paul's Ladies' Aid for salary of Helen Danielson	11.00		11.00					
a Yan, N. Y., St. Paul's Guild for salary of Helen Danielson	15.00		15.00					
st Branch, Ia., West Branch Ladies' Aid	25.00			25.00				
s, Okla., Mr. and Mrs. Holger Christensen	15.00	5.00	2.00	5.00				3.00
onal Luth. Council, New York	39.74							39.74
Francisco, Calif., Ansgar Luth. Church	48.75			48.75				
on, Mass., Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Rasmussen, Sr., in memory of Mrs. Grethe Munck	5.00		5.00					
on, Mass., Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Larsen in memory of Alfred Rasmussen, Jr.	5.00	5.00						
apaca, Wis., Trinity Luth. Church	48.80	47.80						1.00
TOTAL	40856.05	9488.07	12410.74	6246.51	10590.56	524.41	114.01	909.25

CHURCH AND SCHOOL DRIVE

	Total Received	Dana Building Fund	Church Extension Fd.
ously acknowledged	196166.41	117793.65	78372.76
wood, Mo., Mr. and Mrs. Emil Olsen in memory of Mrs. H. C. Andersen of Bethany Luth. Church, Webster Groves	5.00	2.50	2.50
apaca, Wis., Bethel Ladies' Aid	10.00	5.00	5.00
Total	196181.41	117801.15	78380.26

Received with thanks.

Blair, Nebr., Jan. 31, 1953.

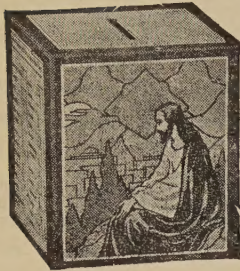
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Burgess, and \$3,659,670 was devoted their work last year.

Only one American Lutheran missionary remained in China at the close of 1952, the Rev. Paul Mackensen of Baltimore, Md., a missionary of the United Lutheran Church in America who was arrested in March of last year. Two other Lutherans still in China are Dr. and Mrs. Ralph Mortensen of the Lutheran Free Church, who represent the American Bible Society.

Japan again received the largest number of new missionaries, 39, but the largest total, 72, went to Africa, including 33 who went for the first time and 39 who returned to their stations. India was second in the total number, with 42, and Japan third, with 41. Twenty-one went to China, including 11 to Formosa and ten to Hong Kong; 13 to New Guinea, eight each to Argentina and Madagascar, six each to Bolivia and the Philippines, five to Pakistan, four to Venezuela, three to Guatemala, two each to British Guiana, Uruguay, Mexico, Cuba and Brazil, and one each to Bolivia and Colombia.

The Augustana Lutheran Church sent out the largest group of new missionaries, 31, and also had the largest total, 54, while the largest number of returned missionaries, 28, was from the United Lutheran Church.

Ultimately it is what you worship rather than what you will that makes you what you are. It is what dominates your imagination, fills your thoughts, what haunts you, so that it determines your character and action.

—G. A. Studdert-Kennedy

Perhaps there cannot be a better way of judging of what manner of spirit we are, than to see whether our actions of our life are such that we may safely commend them to God in our prayers.

—Wm. L.

Should I worship Him from fear of hell, may I be cast into it. Should I serve Him from desire of gaining heaven, may He keep me out; but should I worship Him from love alone, may He reveal Himself to me, that my whole heart may be filled with love and presence.

—Sadhu Sundar Singh

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